



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*Election*  
*J. Williams*  
*11/7/04*

In re Application of: )

Shuler, Robert )

Examiner: Long Nguyen )

Application No.: 09/840,683 )

Group Art Unit: 2816 )

Filed: April 20, 2001 )

Confirmation No. 5289 )

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS )  
FOR REDUCING THE )  
VULNERABILITY OF LATCHES )  
TO SINGLE EVENT UPSETS )

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action and restriction dated December 3, 2001 in the above-identified case, Applicant enters the following election of species. Applicant provisionally elects for examination the species identified as Group I, corresponding to Figures 6, 11A, 11B, and 13. Applicant considers that Claims 8-13 and 30-37 correspond to this species.

Applicant believes that the foregoing comprises a full and complete response to the referenced Office Action. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and subsequent allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has questions or suggestions concerning the

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application or categorization of claims applicable to this species, or feels that an interview would advance the examination process, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the direct dial number printed below.

Respectfully,



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